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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 21, 1954

TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

Ceremonies have been planned to pay tribute to His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, who will arrive in Washington on May twenty-sixth on an official visit to the United States.

His Imperial Majesty will arrive at the Military Air Transport Terminal, National Airport, at 4:00 p.m. on that day, where there will be a brief ceremony. After crossing the Memorial Bridge and rounding the Lincoln Memorial, the party will proceed along Twenty-Third Street to Constitution Avenue (expected to arrive at Constitution Avenue at approximately 4:30 p.m.), east on Constitution Avenue to Twelfth Street, north on Twelfth Street to Pennsylvania Avenue, west on Pennsylvania Avenue to the District Building at Fourteenth and Pennsylvania Avenue, where he will be officially welcomed and presented with the Key to the City of Washington. The party will then continue along Pennsylvania Avenue to Fifteenth Street, north on Fifteenth Street to Pennsylvania Avenue, west on Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House.

It is desired that as many Government employees as possible have the opportunity to extend their greetings to His Imperial Majesty. The Heads of the Departments and Agencies shall excuse from work those employees whose services can be spared, without charge to annual leave, for such time as is required to greet His Imperial Majesty on May twenty-sixth.

It is also requested that the members of the National Guard and the various Veterans' organizations, who will participate in the ceremonies, be excused about noon.

By direction of the President:

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